

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Friday, October 9, 2015

Vice Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Duane Paulson, Bill Zaborowski, Jeremy Walz, Janel Brandtjen, Christine Howard. **Absent:** Gilbert Yerke, Tom Schellinger.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Programs & Projects Analyst Windy Jicha, Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Antwayne Robertson, Veteran Services Manager Tom Ludka, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Manager Luann Page, Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Senior Financial Analyst Steve Trimborn, Senior Financial Analyst Cynthia Lily, HHS Deputy Director Laura Kleber, Citizen Joel Gaugen, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Support Staff Supervisor Mary Smith, Outpatient Services Coordinator Gordon Owley, Mental Health Administrator Jeff Lewis, Citizen Betty Groenwold.

Next Meeting Date

The HHS committee meeting on October 15 has been cancelled. The committee will meet on October 27 before the county board meeting to consider a CJCC ordinance.

Discuss and Consider 2016 Operating Budgets for the Following Divisions in the Department of Health & Human Services:

Veterans Services

Ludka presented the veterans services division budget highlighting major changes.

In response to Brandtjen's question, Ludka explained how veterans services works with the Veterans' Administration (VA) and other community services to help veterans. Paulson talked about the silent mental health needs of veterans in our community.

Paulson said the HHS board sent a letter of recommendation to the county executive to make veterans services its own department. Was that option discussed? Ludka said it was not discussed.

Brandtjen recommended providing additional clinical mental health services for veterans in the veterans services area to ease the stigma of having mental health issues. Ludka said veterans services provides mental health services to vets and make referrals to other services as necessary.

MOTION: Howard moved, Walz second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for the veterans services division. Motion carried 4-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Page and Smith presented the ADRC division budget highlighting major changes.

In response to Brandtjen's question, annual social security reimbursement amounts vary depending on clients' benefits. In response to Paulson's question, Setzer said Waukesha Memorial Hospital charges the county a flat fee for emergency protective placements. The committee discussed why the Marsh County Health Alliance was formed. In response to Brandtjen's question, Page reviewed recent changes to how elder abuse cases are recorded. In response to Zaborowski's question, Smith explained how increases to ProHealth Care costs for transportation could affect senior taxi services. Brandtjen said the division should recommend seniors use Uber. The committee discussed the ADRC catering

contracts and options. Brandtjen said “Dementia Friendly Businesses” program should be provided to county staff. In response to Brandtjen’s question, Page said the ADRC resource guide is available online. Brandtjen said the ADRC resource guide should be emailed to police, fire and new county employees quarterly.

MOTION: Howard moved, Walz second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for the ADRC. Motion carried 4-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Clinical Services

Sternweis, Owly and Lewis presented the clinical services budget highlighting major changes.

Sternweis answered Paulson’s questions related to personnel funding allocations and supervisory needs and changes. In response to Brandtjen’s question, Owly explained that eligible veterans are sent to the VA for services. In response to Brandtjen’s question, Owly said the “no show” rate for clinical services doctors is 35-40% and 25% for therapy appointments. In response to Paulson’s question, Owly shared steps and challenges related to sending patient appointment reminders. In response to Brandtjen’s question, Owly explained how changes to state law have reduced the number of children involved in emergency detentions.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, Howard second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for the Clinical Services Division. Motion carried 4-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Public Comment

Gaugen and Groenwold, members of the nonprofit group SOPHIA, spoke in support of amending the CJCC 2016 budget to fund the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP) after state funding ends June 30, 2016.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC)

Luczaj presented the CJCC budget highlighting major changes.

Paulson said an ordinance to accept a federal enhancement grant for the drug court program and amend the 2015 CJCC budget will be considered at the October 27 HHS committee meeting. Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout which explains a proposed amendment to the CJCC 2016 budget for the drug court program (notice of the grant award was received after the budget was released).

In response to Zaborowski’s question, Luczaj said the alcohol treatment program has a 74% graduation rate. Brandtjen and Zaborowski asked that success rates be added to CJCC programs while others felt a separate report of the statistics would be sufficient. In response to Brandtjen’s request, Luczaj explained how CJCC programs are evaluated and improved.

Luczaj reviewed changes to the IDIP funding in the 2016 budget and due to the announcement after the budget was released that state funding will continue until June 30, 2016. Luczaj answered Paulson’s questions related to remote Breathalyzer testing. In reply to Howard’s question, Luczaj explained how the CJCC will continue to offer quality programs and keep the community safe with funding reductions and program changes.

MOTION: Howard moved, Zaborowski second, to amend the 2016 Health and Human Services - CJCC budget as follows:

Accept grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the adult drug court program grant and increase general government revenues by \$96,600.

Increase operating expense appropriations by \$91,800 (including \$48,800 for contract services for case management, \$21,000 for drug testing, \$10,000 for recovery coaching and consulting, \$7,800 for program evaluation, and \$4,200 for client incentives); and increase interdepartmental charges by \$4,800 for countywide indirect cost recovery.

Motion carried 5-0.

Per Paulson's request, Luczaj reviewed the 2016 budget amendment that Gaugen distributed regarding the IDIP. Luczaj said changes to the IDIP processes to align with best practices would allow the program to continue to serve clients after state funding ends in June 30, 2016.

MOTION: Walz moved, Zaborowski second, to approve the 2016 CJCC operating budget as amended. Motion carried 4-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Future Agenda Items

CJCC program success rates

Administrative Services

Setzer presented the administrative services budget highlighting major changes.

In response to Spaeth's question, Setzer said fund balance has been used in this budget in response to cuts in state funding. Kleber and Robertson responded to Brandtjen's question related to the addition of a HHS public communications coordinator position. In response to Paulson's question, Setzer explained the county tax levy credit in this budget. In response to Brandtjen's question, Setzer explained future staff reductions are expected once Netsmart is fully implemented.

MOTION: Howard moved, Zaborowski second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for the Administrative Services Division. Motion carried 4-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

Discuss and Consider Possible Amendments to the 2016 Operating Budget for the Department of Health & Human Services

No amendments were offered or considered.

Approve the 2016 Operating Budget for the Department of Health & Human Services

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, Howard second, to approve the 2016 operating budget for the Department of Health & Human Services as amended (CJCC). Motion carried 4-1 (Brandtjen voted no).

MOTION: Howard moved, Walz second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary